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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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 HARRY MASON, INC., a California :
 corporation :
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 Plaintiff, :
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 v. :
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 ALMOND INTERNATIONAL, INC., a :
 New York corporation; AURAFIN, LLC, :
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 a Florida corporation; and DOES 1 :
 through 10, :
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 Defendants. :
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CASE NO. C 05 3911 SC
 [Hon. Samuel Conti]

**REQUEST OF ALMOND
 INTERNATIONAL, INC. TO
 PARTICIPATE IN INITIAL CASE
 MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
 BY TELEPHONE; ~~[PROPOSED]~~
 ORDER**

Date: April 28, 2006
 Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Place: 450 Golden Gate Ave.,
 Courtroom 1, 17th Floor,
 San Francisco, California 94102

**REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN INITIAL CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE BY TELEPHONE**

Pursuant to Local Rule 16-10(a) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 1, Angelo Notaro, lead trial counsel for Almond International, Inc., hereby requests authorization to participate in the initial case management conference, scheduled for April 28, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., by telephone to avoid the travel time, attorneys' fees and travel costs for round trip travel between New York and San Francisco. If a personal appearance is required, Mr. Notaro will need to travel to San Francisco most of the day before the conference and to travel most of the day after the conference to return to New York. There does not appear to be any case management or scheduling issues on which the parties disagree. If this request is granted, Mr. Notaro will be responsible for arranging to call the court at a designated number at the time of the conference or, alternatively, Mr. Notaro can be contacted on the day of the conference at: (845) 359-7700. Favorable consideration in this request is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

NOTARO & MICHALOS P.C.

Dated: April 6, 2006

By /s/ Angelo Notaro
Angelo Notaro, Esq.
John Zaccaria, Esq.

Attorneys for Defendant
ALMOND INTERNATIONAL, INC.

[PROPOSED] ORDER

Counsel for Almond International, Inc., Angelo Notaro, shall participate in the initial case management conference, scheduled for April 28, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

_____ The Court will be telephoned by _____ and time of the conference at the following telephone number _____.

_____ The Court will contact Mr. _____ at (916) 559-7700.



Dated this ____ of April 2006

Hon. Samuel Conti
United States District Judge